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This Amendment, RCE (\$790) and Petition for Extension of Time (\$330) is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2005.

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 Hiroyuki KITA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8872  
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 Application No.: 10/712,305 : Group Art Unit: 2834  
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 Filed: November 14, 2003 : Examiner: BUDD, MARK OSBORNE  
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For: DRIVING METHOD OF PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR, PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR, AND DISK RECORDING  
 AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
☒ Also attached: RCE Transmittal and Petition for Extension of Time

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Total Claims	34	34	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$330.00
RCE					\$790.00
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- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$1120.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
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Respectfully submitted,

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